

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2004 – 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 215 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Rocky Mountain Area. One large fire was contained in the Western Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Washington.

**ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

**BOUNDARY**, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in alpine tundra and black spruce. Active, wind driven, fire behavior was observed. Dozers are constructing fireline in preparation for burnout operations. The Steese Highway remains closed to the public until further notice. Evacuations remain in effect for all developments southwest and west of Chatanika, AK.

**WOLF CREEK**, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is 80 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. Individual tree torching was observed. Crews made good progress establishing structure protection. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

**TAYLOR COMPLEX**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Wall Street, Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Big Creek, Anomaly, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior was reported on all fires. Structure protection is in place on the Chicken, Wall Street, Porcupine and Billy Creek fires. Crews are performing burnout operations on the Wall Street and Porcupine fires.

**CAMP CREEK**, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stegmier) has been ordered. This fire is 82 miles southeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce. Higher relative humidity moderated fire behavior with torching and spotting observed. Crews continue to provide structure protection.

**EAGLE COMPLEX**, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This complex, three miles northeast of Eagle, AK in tundra, black spruce and mixed hardwoods, consists of the American Summit, Edwards Creek, King Creek, Kandik River, Indian Grave Creek, Deer Creek and seven additional fires. Crews and dozers made significant progress constructing fireline around the city of Eagle, AK and Eagle Native Village. Structure protection is in place for cabins on the east side of the Yukon River.

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. A Fire Use Management Team (Bird) has been ordered. This incident is 57 miles northwest of Fort Yukon, AK in black spruce and tundra. The complex consists of the Pingo, Winter Trail, Sucker River, Black Currant River, Vundik Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjek fires. Heavy smoke in the area and limited visibility are impeding logistical support of personnel. Cooler temperatures are aiding containment efforts.

FORT HAMLIN HILLS, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is ten miles west of Stevens Village, AK in grass, black spruce, aspen and birch. Minimal fire behavior was reported. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	261,000	15	7/24	289	12	33	0	3	1.2M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	175,000	0	UNK	33	0	2	0	5	15K
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	457,025	NR	8/1	154	2	11	1	3	907K
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	92,000	NR	8/1	97	5	1	2	8	303K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	441,614	NR	UNK	212	5	0	1	2	NR
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	294,427	5	UNK	398	16	0	6	0	4.2M
FORT HAMLIN HILLS	AK	UYD	44,970	5	7/7	33	2	0	0	2	NR

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLOW, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is assigned. This fire is 23 miles northeast of Scottsdale, AZ in grass and brush. Rough, rugged terrain, extremely dry fuels, extreme fire behavior and long distance spotting are hampering containment efforts. Crews continue to build fireline and conduct burnout operations.

NUTTALL COMPLEX, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, located 15 miles southwest of Safford, AZ in brush and heavy timber, consists of the Nuttall and Gibson fires. Both fires reported extreme fire behavior; Gibson reported plume dominated fire behavior with crown runs and long range spotting. Structure protection is being established around a threatened observatory.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	69,000	10	UNK	934	23	32	6	0	3.9M
NUTTALL COMPLEX	AZ	CNF	5,300	5	UNK	812	24	16	11	0	2.7M
GRANNY-WFU	NM	GNF	1,246	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	5K
RINCON-WFU	NM	GNF	200	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	5K

### NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles west of Chelan, WA in timber. Steep, difficult terrain with extremely limited access continues to hamper control efforts. Active fire behavior with minor torching was reported. Crews are continuing burnout operations with support from aerial resources.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Steep, rugged terrain has hampered containment efforts. Fire behavior has moderated due to cooler temperatures, higher relative humidity and cloud cover.

HOPKINS CANYON COMPLEX, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Reed/Holloway) is assigned. This fire is eight miles west of Nespelem, WA in timber and grass. Crews are rehabilitating fireline and mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	2,415	0	UNK	461	21	21	11	0	2.6M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	17	UNK	40	0	0	2	0	180K
HOPKINS CANYON COMPLEX	WA	COA	5,130	90	7/4	642	17	31	3	0	1.2M

### WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COYOTE SPRINGS, Desert National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 30 miles northeast of Las Vegas, NV in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. This fire is being managed in a confine/contain strategy with aerial monitoring. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COYOTE SPRINGS	NV	DSR	1,000	65	7/6	0	0	0	0	0	NR
VERDI COMPLEX	NV	HTF	1,080	100	---	355	8	17	2	0	1.0M

HTF = Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MCGRUDER, Uncompahgre Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) has been ordered. This fire is five miles east of Cedaredge, CO in brush and hardwood slash. Extreme fire behavior was reported. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MCGRUDER	CO	UPD	2,000	NR	UNK	NR	0	17	1	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Over much of the West conditions will be dry and seasonable today with little in the way of thunderstorm activity. The exception will be across the Northern Rockies and northern portions of the Rocky Mountain Area; thunderstorms will be possible in these locations. In Alaska winds will finally shift to a southwest direction today leading to less smoky conditions, and there will be a chance of showers and wet thunderstorms.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly to mostly sunny and breezy.	65 to 85 mountains 85 to 95 lower elevations north 95 to 105 lower elevations south	5 to 15% Arizona and most of New Mexico 15 to 30% west Texas and northern New Mexico mountains	West to southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts across eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>ALASKA</b> <b>Central and Eastern Interior:</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms. <b>South Central:</b> Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms.	<b>Central and Eastern                      Interior:</b> 65 to 80 <b>South Central:</b> 60 to 75	<b>Central and Eastern                      Interior:</b> 30 to 45% <b>South Central:</b> Above 40%	<b>Central and Eastern                      Interior:</b> South to southwest 5 to 15 mph. <b>South Central:</b> Southeast to south 5 to 15 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Isolated thunderstorms northeast and central, partly to mostly sunny northwest and south.	North: 82 to 92 South: 92 to 102 Mountains: 70s	North Valleys: 12 to 22% South Valleys: 5 to 15% Mountains: 15 to 30%	South: Southwest at 10 to 15 mph North: Northwest at 10 mph
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	93 to 103 in the warmest inland valleys	12 to 22% in driest inland areas	Northwest to northeast, or variable, under 12 mph in the morning. West to northwest at 4 to 12 mph in afternoon hours.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog from the coast into the coastal basins. Otherwise, mostly sunny except partly cloudy in the afternoon over the Sierra with a few thunderstorms.	68 to 78 coastal areas 75 to 85 mountains 85 to 95 valleys 90 to 98 upper deserts 98 to 108 lower deserts	25 to 40% valleys 12 to 25% mountains 8 to 18% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 15 mph over the mountains. 10 to 20 mph and gusty over the upper deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Scattered afternoon thunderstorms across most of the Rocky Mountain Area with isolated dry lightning in Colorado and southern Wyoming.	80's to lower 90s 70s in Wyoming 70s in mountains	13 to 25% over southern Colorado 25 to 40% elsewhere	West 10 to 20 mph over Wyoming. 8 to 18 over Colorado mountains.

<p><b>NORTHWEST AREA</b>  Morning clouds on the west side with afternoon clearing. Mostly sunny on the east side with a slight risk of isolated showers and a few wet thundershowers mainly over northeast Washington.</p>	<p>60s western Washington  80s southwest Oregon  70s to mid 80s east of the Cascades  60s higher elevations</p>	<p>35 to 55% west of the Cascades  20 to 25% southwest Oregon  15 to 25% east side  near 30% over the higher elevations</p>	<p>Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph west of the Cascade crest.  East side winds northwesterly 10 to 15 mph.  15 to 25 mph and gusty through the Columbia River Gorge and in the gaps on the Cascade east slopes.</p>
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TOPIC OF CHOICE

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0	0	3		3
	ACRES		303,942	1,255	2,480	147,537		455,214
Northwest	FIRES	2	1			48	3	54
	ACRES	0	1			60	3,087	3,148
Northern California	FIRES	2				28	27	57
	ACRES	2				5	4	11
Southern California	FIRES	1			3	26	10	40
	ACRES	0			1	113	107	221
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6				1	6	13
	ACRES	3				0	28	31
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			3	5	10
	ACRES		7			2	7	16
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			2	3	8
	ACRES		6			0	1	7
Southwest	FIRES	5	1			5	6	17
	ACRES	1	0			25	25	51
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1		1	3	5	11
	ACRES	1	5		0	2	4	12
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	4	4
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	17	8	0	4	120	66	215
	ACRES	7	303,961	1,255	2,481	147,744	3,267	458,715

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	35	45	18	227	7	335
	ACRES	63	499,306	210,587	18,449	958,313	1	1,686,719
Northwest	FIRES	127	85	19	10	568	273	1,082
	ACRES	4,125	852	75	16	1,410	3,287	9,765
Northern California	FIRES	55	26	6	15	1,216	489	1,807
	ACRES	64	392	15	2	3,875	1,697	6,045
Southern California	FIRES	27	42	7	31	1,492	294	1,893
	ACRES	655	4,367	313	21	35,530	4,713	45,599
Northern Rockies	FIRES	756	24	14	6	401	209	1,410
	ACRES	4,157	252	485	0	8,684	3,361	16,939
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	256	2	21	144	188	614
	ACRES	3	26,019	1	33	1,184	423	27,663
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	229	1	4	39	43	321
	ACRES	151	10,089	1,000	0	1,155	476	12,871
Southwest	FIRES	521	64	2	38	421	572	1,618
	ACRES	3,906	4,527	1	509	5,641	136,528	151,112
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	166	142	28	9	214	169	728
	ACRES	3,605	275	1,166	4	19,670	4,087	28,807
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	21	5,884	401	6,841
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	106	53,660	5,539	66,734
Southern Area	FIRES	117		47	36	22,123	547	22,870
	ACRES	15,603		4,682	1,054	267,166	73,117	361,622
TOTAL	FIRES	2,269	903	217	209	32,729	3,192	39,519
	ACRES	37,426	546,079	220,660	20,194	1,356,288	233,229	2,413,876

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>43,406</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,440,416</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,097		2,097
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	43	1		255	415
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,229	76,489
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	10	17		183	263
	ACRES	251	731	13,566	2,690		22,617	39,855
Southern California	FIRES		4	9	10		76	99
	ACRES		28	869	718		6,213	7,828
Northern Rockies	FIRES	36	8	74	3	45	352	518
	ACRES	1,827	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,351	63,423
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	3	3	18	42	83
	ACRES	149	2,330	547	1,102	1,493	14,008	19,629
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	5			5	14
	ACRES		80	541			971	1,592
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	7	10		277	321
	ACRES	2,796	4,821	10,519	7,777		66,146	92,059
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	110	18	12	113	334
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	19,700	12,964	3,947	45,672	99,251
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		347	23	611	178	1,179
	ACRES	14,454		39,843	4,443	59,379	27,876	145,995
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	68	14,857	1,065	16,180
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,202	917,735	960,341	2,004,251
TOTAL	FIRES	216	201	747	153	15,548	2,546	19,411
	ACRES	40,723	29,295	160,338	89,972	987,717	1,244,424	2,552,469

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				37,280			37,280
Northwest	FIRES				2		1	3
	ACRES				1		150	151
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				2		2	4
	ACRES				0		222	222
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		3	5
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				101		1,451	1,552
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			0	1	6
	ACRES		5,575			2,271	43	7,889
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	9	0	9	0	20	38
	ACRES	0	5,917	0	37,382	2,271	1,866	47,436

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	9	0	1,068	144,619
Yukon Territory	7	61,302	158	438,001
Alberta	9	15	844	3,232
Northwest Territory	1	574	53	11,878
Saskatchewan	2	0	134	5,304
Manitoba	1	0	86	423
Ontario	6	7	168	1,375
Quebec	2	0	189	589
Newfoundland	0	0	99	8,331
New Brunswick	0	0	211	318
Nova Scotia	0	0	191	210
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	2	870	25	13,706
Total	39	62,768	3,242	627,999

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	25	20	1	46	7	3			297	99
Northwest	30	16	4	49	23	3			229	166
Northern California	15	11	55	41	10	4				62
Southern California	4	10	5	10	3					4
Northern Rockies			10	4	1	2				
Eastern Great Basin	1		1	7	1				20	2
Western Great Basin	2	6		17	1	1			51	42
Southwest	46	3	7	41	18				363	112
Rocky Mountain	9	1	12	21	5	2			8	4
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	132	67	95	236	69	15	0	0	968	491

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